

SENATE RESOLUTION 99

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A RESOLUTION to honor Kate Craig in celebration of Women's History Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of March was officially designated as Women's History Month in 1987; and

WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements of those women who have paved the way wherein every person has an opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of a number of historic, pioneering women, including the awe-inspiring Kate Craig, chair of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District for the Tennessee Democratic County Chairs Association; and

WHEREAS, a native of Northeast Tennessee, Ms. Craig ran for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Senate seat in the Tennessee legislature in 2022 against a thirty-two-year incumbent; in doing so, she doubled the number of Democratic voters, moving the needle by seven points and raising over \$105,000; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, she served as campaign manager for Nancy Fischman's 2016 bid for the 7<sup>th</sup> District House seat in the Tennessee legislature, and the following year, she was elected to serve as chair of the Washington County Democratic Party (WCDP), serving two terms in this capacity. She continues to serve on the executive committee of the WCDP; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded leader in the political community of Northeast Tennessee, Kate Craig led the effort in Washington County that moved the needle twelve percentage points in 2018 and close to seven percentage points in 2020; she also developed and taught a campaign training program for candidates and campaign staff in the region; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Craig was elected to her current position of chair of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of the Tennessee Democratic County Chairs Association in 2019 and is currently serving in her second term; she also served on the committee that founded the Tennessee Democratic Party Rural Caucus in 2019; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, she served as the interim East Grand Division chair for the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women, and in January of that same year, she campaigned to be the chair of the Tennessee Democratic Party, finishing third out of ten candidates; and

WHEREAS, Kate Craig is a graduate of American University's Campaign Management Institute, from which she also earned her Master of Public Administration degree and a graduate certificate in women, policy, and political leadership; and

WHEREAS, a prolific writer, Ms. Craig is currently working on her eighth book; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Ms. Craig during Women's History Month, let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds, as does Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Kate Craig on her many contributions to the State of Tennessee as we celebrate Women's History Month and the generations of trailblazing women who have built our State and their vital contributions to our country's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.